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THE BATMAN & SCOOBY-DOO! MYSTERIES
I DON'T FEAR MEDDLING KIDS!
IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE SCARECROW!
8+
EVERYONE

DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY.
FSSSSSSTT
GOOD EVENING. I WAS HOPING YOU'D LET ME AND MY FRIENDS INTO THIS LOVELY BUILDING.
S-S-SURE. WHATEVER YOU WANT.
JUST PLEASE DON'T HURT US.
HURT YOU?
WHY, I WOULDN'T HURT A FLY.
BZZZZZT
HEY, BOSS? WHAT ARE THEY RUNNIN' FROM, ANYWAY?

"OH, JUST GARDEN-VARIETY MUSCA DOMESTICA. ALTHOUGH...
...MY FEAR TOXIN TENDS TO MAKE PEOPLE SEE THREATS AS QUITE A BIT LARGER THAN THEY REALLY ARE.
NOW START MOVING THESE COMPONENTS! AFTER ALL, THIS IS JUST OUR FIRST STOP!
THE SCARECROW AND
IS GOING TO MAKE GOTHAM CITY TREMBLE!
NIGHT OF THE SCAREDY-BAT!
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NOBLE MANUFACTURING MIXMAXER 3000

LATER THAT NIGHT...
JINKIES, COMMISSIONER GORDON...
THE MYSTERY MACHINE
...ARE THE GUARDS ALL RIGHT?
THEY SEEM TO BE, VELMA, JUST SHAKEN UP. HOPEFULLY YOU KIDS AND BATMAN WILL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED.
AND BEFORE SHAGGY AND SCOOBY EAT ALL THE SNACKS WE BROUGHT FOR THOSE POOR GUARDS!
HAVE YOU HEARD FROM BATMAN, COMMISSIONER?
AN ALARM WAS TRIPPED AT ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, SO HE WAS CHECKING THAT OUT FIRST!
RASK HIM TO BRING MORE JELLY-FILLED RON THE WAY! RHEE-HEE-HEE!

GOTHAM CITY SCENT-SATIONS
THANKS FOR COMING ALONG, DAPHNE!
SURE, BUT ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU HAVE TO LET ME DRIVE!
OH! I KNEW THIS ADDRESS SEEMED FAMILIAR!
VREEEEEK
ARE YOU A CUSTOMER?
NOT EXACTLY, BUT THEY GAVE ME SOME FREE SAMPLES A WHILE BACK.
IT WAS A NICE GIFT, BUT HEAVY SCENTS MAKE IT REALLY HARD TO SNEAK UP ON CRIMINALS TO UNMASK THEM.
GOOD POINT.
SO WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS FACTORY?
WHEN I CAME TO THANK THEM IN PERSON, THERE WERE GUARDS STATIONED OUTSIDE THE DOOR. BUT NOW THERE'S NO ONE!
HMM. EVEN AT NIGHT THERE SHOULD BE SOMEONE STATIONED OUT HE--

WHUMP
NO... PLEASE... DON'T...
IT'S OKAY! WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE.
NO! DON'T MAKE ME! WHAT IF I FALL DOWN?
IT'S OKAY, SIR.
NO ONE WILL MAKE YOU DO ANYTHING YOU'RE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH.
BATMAN? WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
EXHAUS FANS
I'M NOT BOARD-CERTIFIED TO MAKE A DIAGNOSIS, BUT I BELIEVE HE HAS ACUTE AMBULOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF WALKING.
NOT TYPICAL IN ANYONE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE.
OR SECURITY GUARDS, FOR THAT MATTER. BUT LET'S GIVE THESE FANS A FEW MOMENTS.
EXHAUST FANS
WHIIISSSSSSCHHH
WHIIISSSSSSCHHH
THAT SHOULD DO IT.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SU--?
UM, BATMAN?

WHAT HAPPENED? THOSE MEN PUSHED ME IN AND THEN THERE WAS SOMETHING--
A CHEMICAL SMELL?

EXACTLY. AND THEN I WAS AFRAID TO TAKE A STEP! I'VE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE IT!
STRANGE! BUT HOW COULD YOU EVEN PICK OUT A PARTICULAR SMELL IN A PERFUME FACTORY?
THIS FACTORY HASN'T MADE ANY SCENTS FOR MONTHS, EVER SINCE THEY SHIFTED PRODUCTION TO A NEW HIGH-POWERED MICRO-SPRAYER THE COMPANY'S LAUNCHING!

YOU MEAN THESE CARTRIDGES?
EXACTLY, BUT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER LOCK AND...

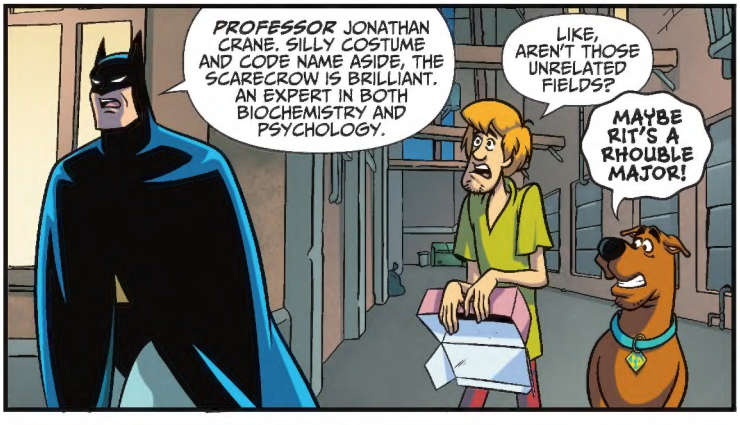
...KEY? OH NO.
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL MAKE SURE YOUR EMPLOYER DOESN'T BLAME YOU. THIS IS BEYOND PRETTY MUCH EVERYONE'S PAY GRADE.

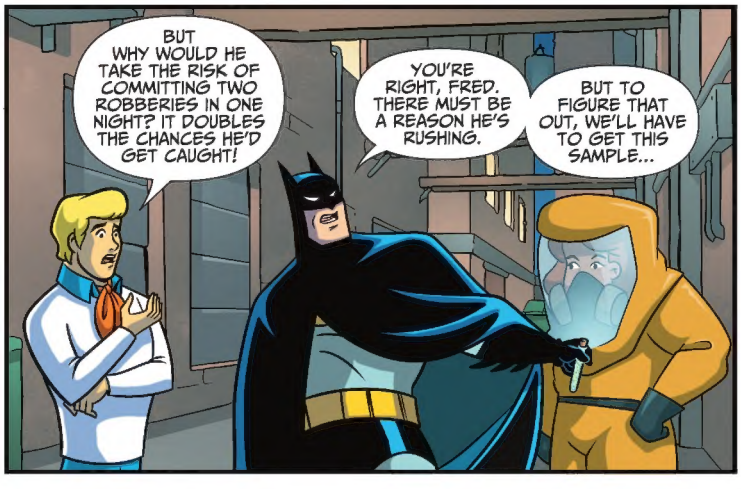
I HOPE THAT GUARD WILL BE OKAY!
THE AMBULANCE IS JUST A PRECAUTION. *FEAR TOXIN* WEARS OFF WITHOUT AFTEREFFECTS.

FEAR TOXIN? YOU MEAN--
YES, DAPHNE. I HATE TO SAY IT BUT...

...*THE SCARECROW* IS BACK.
I WAS ABOUT TO TELL YOU THE SAME. TAKE A LOOK AT THIS.

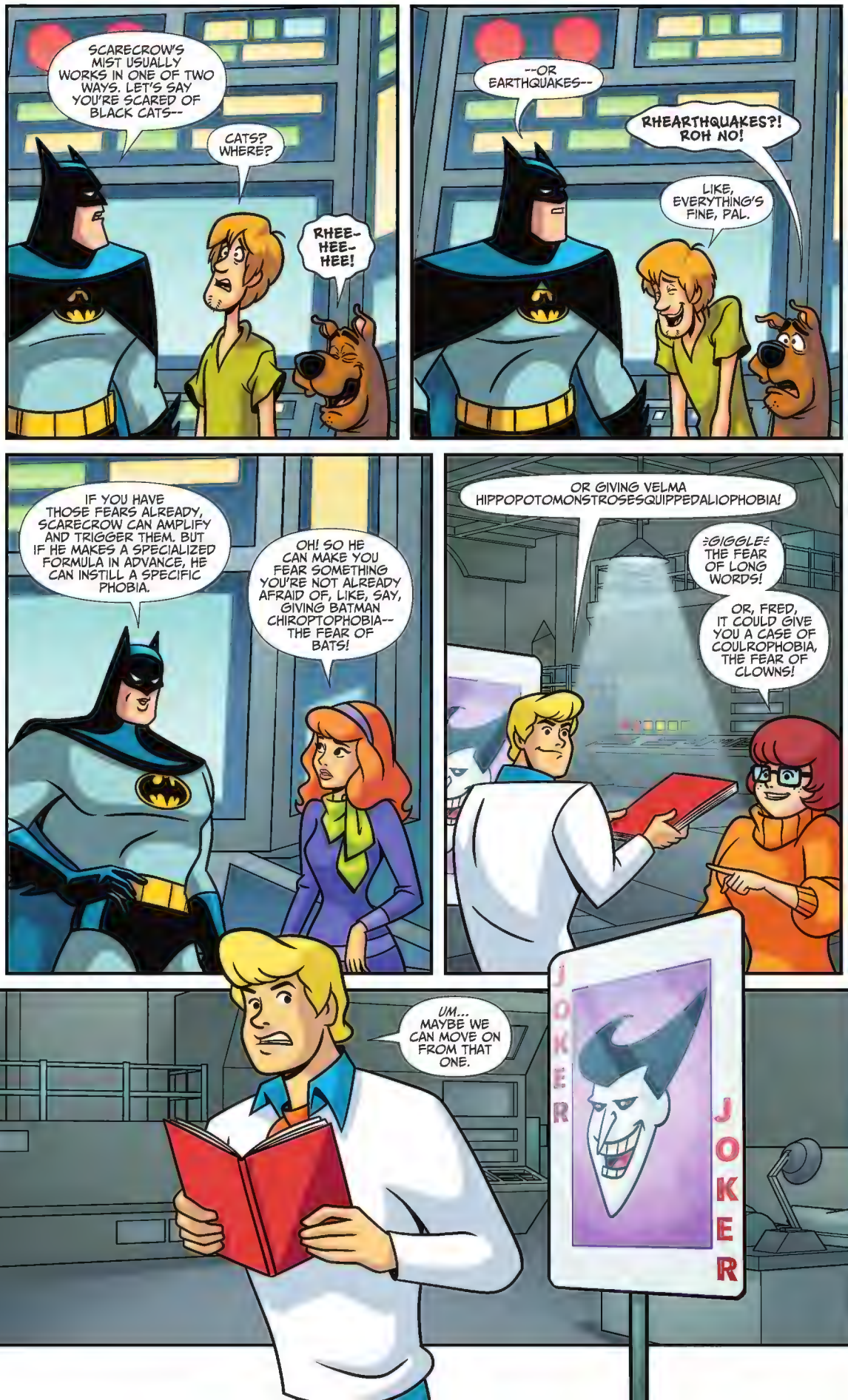
THIS WAS TAKEN AT GOTHAM AIRPORT LATE LAST WEEK. LOOKING PAST THE FASHION CHOICES, IT'S CLEARLY *JONATHAN CRANE.*


PROFESSOR JONATHAN CRANE. SILLY COSTUME AND CODE NAME ASIDE, THE SCARECROW IS BRILLIANT. AN EXPERT IN BOTH BIOCHEMISTRY AND PSYCHOLOGY.
LIKE, AREN'T THOSE UNRELATED FIELDS?
MAYBE RIT'S A RHOUBLE MAJOR!

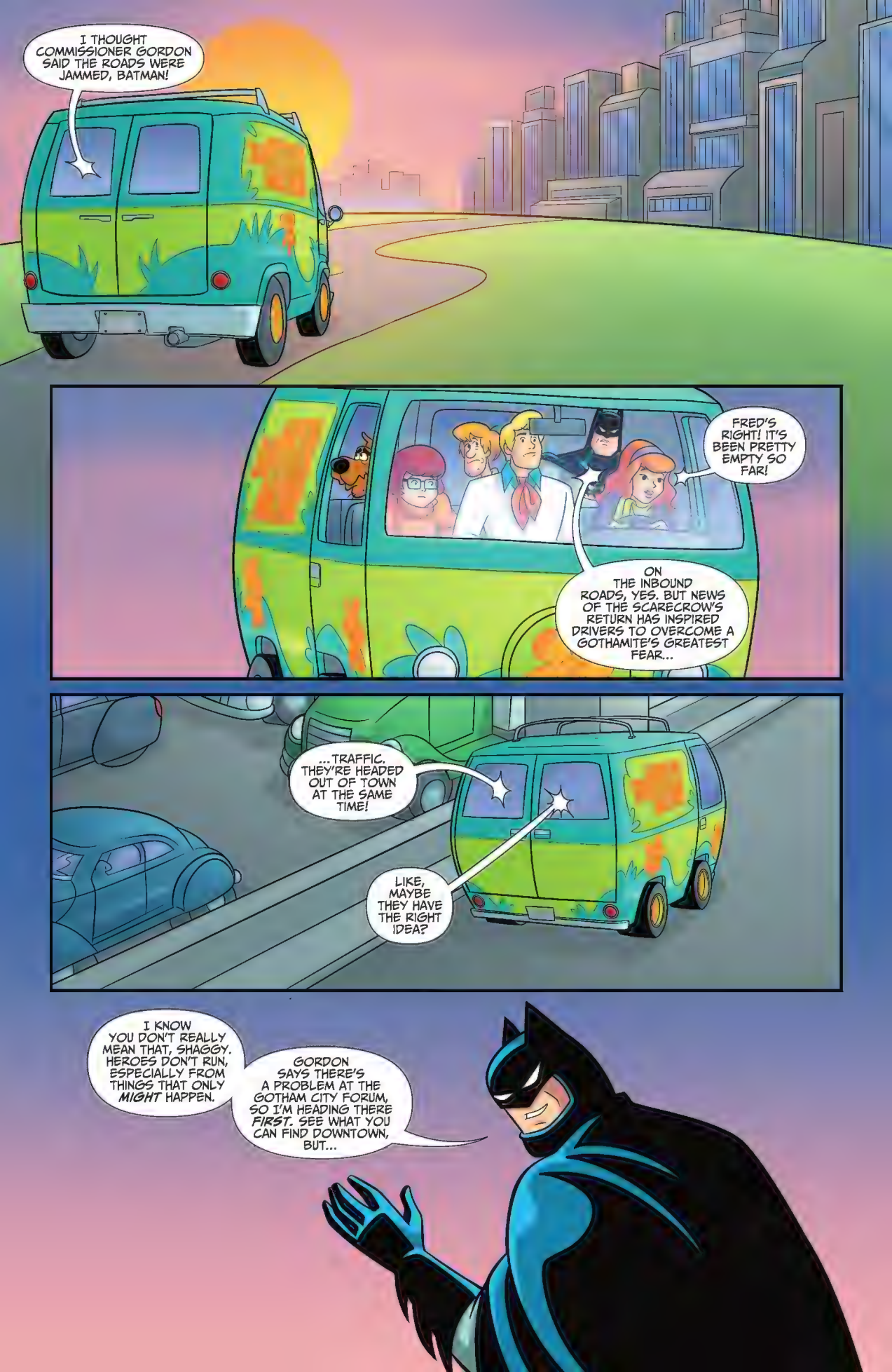

BUT WHY WOULD HE TAKE THE RISK OF COMMITTING TWO ROBBERIES IN ONE NIGHT? IT DOUBLES THE CHANCES HE'D GET CAUGHT!
YOU'RE RIGHT, FRED. THERE MUST BE A REASON HE'S RUSHING.
BUT TO FIGURE THAT OUT, WE'LL HAVE TO GET THIS SAMPLE...

"...TO THE BATCAVE."
THANKS FOR DRIVING THE MYSTERY MACHINE, BATMAN!
WITH THE BATMOBILE ON AUTO-DRIVE, IT MADE IT EASY FOR YOU TO KEEP THE BATCAVE'S LOCATION SECRET AND PROTECT YOUR SECRET IDENTITY!
THE MYSTERY MACHINE
NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU, BUT IT KEEPS YOU ALL SAFER NOT KNOWING ANY DETAILS OF MY PRIVATE LI--
THESE SANDWICHES ARE GREAT! THEY REMIND ME OF THE ONES BRUCE WAYNE'S BUTLER, ALFRED, MAKES!
RHO CRUSTS!
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HI...THE CHEF. BUT LET'S GET TO THE MATTER AT HAND.
I'VE ALREADY SCANNED THE SAMPLES LEFT BEHIND AT THE CRIME SCENES. THEY'RE TWO OF SCARECROW'S TRADITIONAL MIXTURES.
DATABASE SEARCH COMPLETE
CRANE ON PHOBIAS
CONQUERING FEAR
AERO TAMINANT ALMANAC
BUT IT'S WHAT HE TOOK AWAY THAT CONCERNS ME.
VWOOOO
KLIK

THIS IS THE MIXMAXER 3000 FROM THE NOBLE FACTORY. IT LETS USERS MAKE CUSTOMIZED SNACKS OR DRINKS ON DEMAND.
SNACKS?
RHON DEMAND?
ON THE RIGHT, ONE OF THE NEW SINGLE-USE PERFUME CAPSULES, WHICH CAN BE ADJUSTED TO SPRAY TARGETS AS FAR AS TWENTY FEET AWAY!
JINKIES! IF SCARECROW CAN COMBINE THEM...
EXACTLY! HE'LL HAVE A DEVICE THAT CAN DELIVER CUSTOMIZED MICRO-DOSES OF FEAR TOXIN IN AN INSTANT!
HOW WOULD THAT WORK, BATMAN?


SCARECROW'S MIST USUALLY WORKS IN ONE OF TWO WAYS. LET'S SAY YOU'RE SCARED OF BLACK CATS--
CATS? WHERE?
RHEE-HEE-HEE!
--OR EARTHQUAKES--
RHEARTHQUAKES?! ROH NO!
LIKE, EVERYTHING'S FINE, PAL.
IF YOU HAVE THOSE FEARS ALREADY, SCARECROW CAN AMPLIFY AND TRIGGER THEM. BUT IF HE MAKES A SPECIALIZED FORMULA IN ADVANCE, HE CAN INSTILL A SPECIFIC PHOBIA.
OH! SO HE CAN MAKE YOU FEAR SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT ALREADY AFRAID OF, LIKE, SAY, GIVING BATMAN CHIROPTOPHOBIA-- THE FEAR OF BATS!
OR GIVING VELMA HIPPOPOTOMONSTROSESQUIPPEDALIOPHOBIA!
=GIGGLE= THE FEAR OF LONG WORDS!
OR, FRED, IT COULD GIVE YOU A CASE OF COULROPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF CLOWNS!
UM... MAYBE WE CAN MOVE ON FROM THAT ONE.
JOKER
JOKER

HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE THE SCARECROW TO COMBINE THE DEVICES?
NOT LONG. REMEMBER, HE DOESN'T HAVE TO MASS-PRODUCE A LARGE QUANTITY OF HIS NEW INVENTION.
JUST ONE FOR HIMSELF.
AND THEN HE CAN USE THE DEVICE TO MAKE ANYONE HE WANTS, SAY, AFRAID OF THE NUMBER THIRTEEN!
EEEK!
LIKE, WARN A GUY BEFORE YOU SPRING THAT ON HIM, DAPHNE!
=GIGGLE= I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT SOMETIMES SHAGGY ACTS LIKE HE'S ALREADY BEEN SPRAYED WITH FEAR TOXIN!
YOU KNOW, YOU MAY HAVE SOMETHING THERE...
BREEEP BREEEP
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT, VELMA?
YES, COMMISSIONER? WHERE?
SHHH... I'LL TELL YOU LATER!


I THOUGHT COMMISSIONER GORDON SAID THE ROADS WERE JAMMED, BATMAN!
FRED'S RIGHT! IT'S BEEN PRETTY EMPTY SO FAR!
ON THE INBOUND ROADS, YES. BUT NEWS OF THE SCARECROW'S RETURN HAS INSPIRED DRIVERS TO OVERCOME A GOTHAMITE'S GREATEST FEAR...
...TRAFFIC. THEY'RE HEADED OUT OF TOWN AT THE SAME TIME!
LIKE, MAYBE THEY HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA?
I KNOW YOU DON'T REALLY MEAN THAT, SHAGGY. HEROES DON'T RUN, ESPECIALLY FROM THINGS THAT ONLY *MIGHT* HAPPEN.
GORDON SAYS THERE'S A PROBLEM AT THE GOTHAM CITY FORUM, SO I'M HEADING THERE *FIRST*. SEE WHAT YOU CAN FIND DOWNTOWN, BUT...

...DON'T TAKE ANY UNNECESSARY RISKS.
VRRROOM
SKRREEE
WE'LL BE DOWNTOWN IN A MINUTE. ANY SUGGESTIONS WHERE TO LOOK, VELMA?
SCARECROW ALWAYS NEEDS MONEY TO BUY BLACK-MARKET SUPPLIES FOR HIS FEAR TOXIN. SO THAT MEANS...
"...THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT."
THIS MUST BE THE RIGHT PLACE! EVERYONE'S RUNNING FROM THE BANKS!
JEEPERS! I DON'T BLAME THEM!
LOOK!

GIANT COINS! I KNOW THEY'RE NOT REAL, BUT THEY FEEL REAL! IT'S A SEVERE CASE OF PLUTOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF MONEY!
WATCH OUT!
=WHEW!= I GUESS IT'S NOT JUST COINS!
THANKS FOR THE SAVE!
IT'S ALWAYS NICE WHEN A STUDENT DOES SOME EXTRA-CREDIT READING, FRED...
...THOUGH MOST PEOPLE'S FEAR OF MONEY COMES FROM NOT HAVING ANY.
I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THE CAPED CRUSADER ISN'T HERE. I WANTED TO TRY OUT MY NEW DEVICE ON HIM. BUT YOU'LL DO FOR TEST SUBJECTS.
BEHOLD...
...MY GAUNTLET OF FEAR!

I HAVEN'T STUDIED YOU *MEDDLING KIDS* THE WAY I HAVE THE CAPED CRUSADER, BUT HOPEFULLY YOU'LL FIND THESE SUITABLY TERRIFYING!
YOU HAVE SUCH A NICE SMILE. WHY THE DENTOPHOBIA?
FLOSS
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE DENTIST! I... I FLOSS, I SWEAR!
NOT SO F--*AHH!* WHY CAN'T I GRAB THEM?
HAPHEPHOBIA IS THE FEAR OF BEING TOUCHED, BUT THE LESSON HERE IS THAT IT GOES BOTH WAYS.
...
IT STILL AMAZES ME THAT ATHAZAGORAPHOBIA AFFECTS EVEN THE MOST-BELOVED PEOPLE. AFRAID OF BEING FORGOTTEN... BY EVEN YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS.
AND AS FOR YOU TWO, I UPDATED MY FORMULA SINCE THE LAST TIME WE MET* TO AFFECT HUMANS AND DOGS ALIKE!
I KNOW! A TASTE OF CIBOPH--
PROFESSOR! WE'VE GOTTA GO!
*IN THE UNFORGETTABLE *SCOOBY-DOO TEAM-UP* #2, COLLECTED IN *SCOOBY-DOO TEAM-UP VOLUME 1*!--KQ

WEEEOOO WEEEOOO
VRROOM
WELL, THIS WAS DELIGHTFUL, BUT I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH OUR SESSION TOMORROW.

SORRY WE COULDN'T STOP THEM, BATMAN!
I'M SORRY WE DIDN'T GET HERE IN TIME TO HELP. AT LEAST THE FEAR TOXIN'S EFFECTS STILL DON'T LAST LONG, ESPECIALLY OUTDOORS.
WERE YOU ABLE TO HELP THE COMMISSIONER?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO. IT SEEMS MAYOR NAKANO HAS DECIDED TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH IS ONLY GOING TO INCREASE THE PANIC.
I HAD HOPED BATMAN COULD CONVINCE HIM OTHERWISE, BUT EVEN WITHOUT FEAR TOXIN, POLITICIANS CAN BE PRETTY COWARDLY SOMETIMES.

I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO CANCEL TOMORROW'S EVENT, BAT--
TOMORROW? SCARECROW SAID WE'D SEE HIM TOMORROW!

OF COURSE! THE BRAVERY AWARDS! THE VERY IDEA ALONE IS TOO MUCH FOR SCARECROW TO PASS UP.
BUT THE MAYOR WAS SUPPOSED TO EMCEE THE EVENT.
NO NEED TO WORRY, COMMISSIONER...

THE NEXT EVENING
I KNOW THE PERFECT REPLACEMENT.
THE GOTHAM CITY BRAVERY AWARDS

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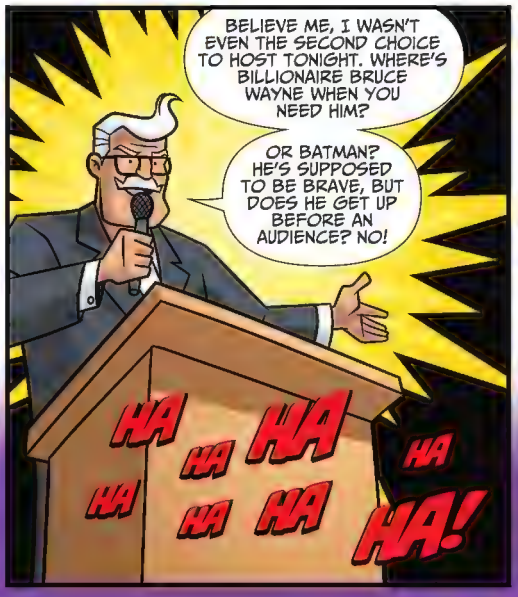
I HOPE THIS WORKS, BATMAN. I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MATERIAL.
ALMOST ALL THE GUESTS HERE ARE UNDERCOVER GOTHAM CITY POLICE DETECTIVES, COMMISSIONER. THEY WORK FOR YOU.
SO I THINK YOU'LL DO FINE.

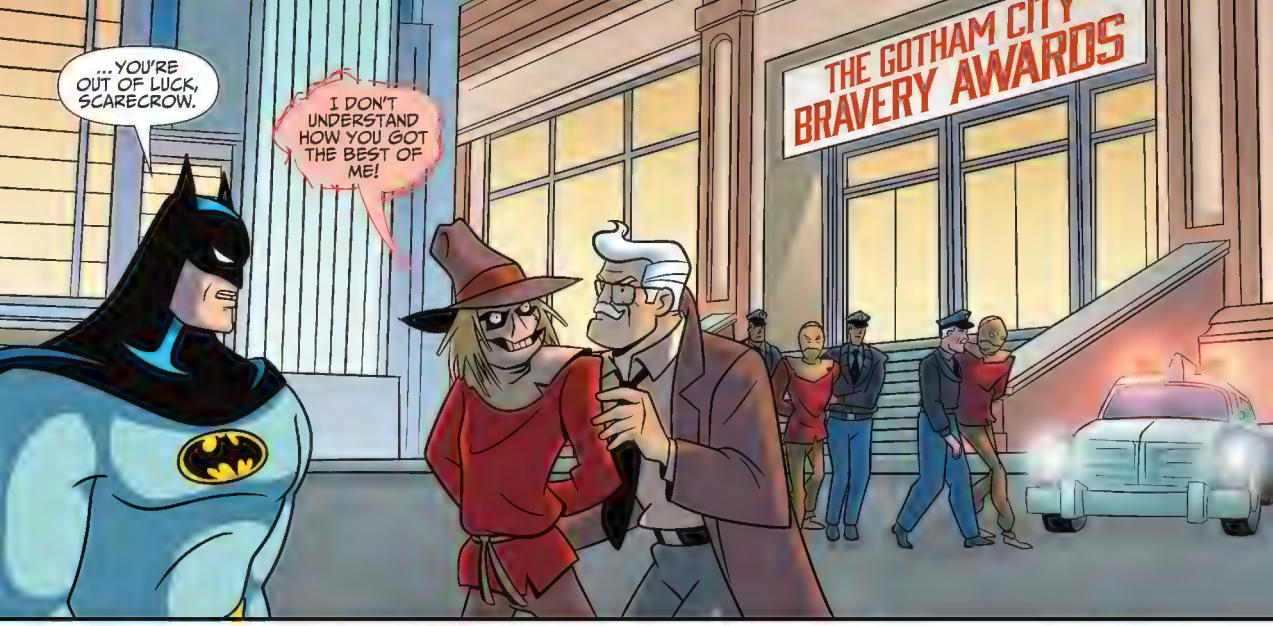

BELIEVE ME, I WASN'T EVEN THE SECOND CHOICE TO HOST TONIGHT. WHERE'S BILLIONAIRE BRUCE WAYNE WHEN YOU NEED HIM?
OR BATMAN? HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE BRAVE, BUT DOES HE GET UP BEFORE AN AUDIENCE? NO!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!

BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THE BRAVERY OF THOSE WE HONOR TONIGHT.
MYSTERY INCORPORATED'S OWN NORVILLE "SHAGGY" ROGERS AND THE GREAT CANINE DETECTIVE SCOOBY-DOO, WHO CONQUER THEIR MULTIPLE FEARS EVERY DAY!
I'M SORRY, COMMISSIONER, BUT I MUST TAKE ISSUE WITH YOUR PREMISE.
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

FEAR ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CONQUER. FEAR...
...CONQUERS YOU.

AIEEEE!
I ONLY WISH I COULD SEE WHAT YOU'RE SEEING!
MAYBE THAT WILL BE MY NEXT GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT.
AAAH!
SCARECROW, YOUR NEXT GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT...
...WILL BE IF YOU MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION AT YOUR PAROLE HEARING!
=OOF= BATMAN! SO GOOD OF YOU TO ATTEND MY DEMONSTRATION!
...ACK!
pfff

I HAD WONDERED WHY "NORVILLE" AND HIS DOG WERE THE ONLY MEMBERS OF YOUR SQUAD ON STAGE.
BUT NOW I SEE THE GANG'S ALL HERE.
WHILE YOU ENJOY THE EFFECTS OF EREMOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF BEING ALONE OR ABANDONED...
NIGHTWING... BATGIRL... VELMA... ROBIN? WHAT HAVE I DONE TO YOU?
...I'LL GIVE SHAGGY AND SCOOBY A TASTE OF MY MEDICINE.
LIKE, WE'RE READY!
RHEAH!
RHEAVE OUR FRIENDS AHRHONE!
PFFF
PFFF
PFFF
ZOINKS! IT TICKLES!
NO! I'M OUT OF CAPSULES!
YOU MUST BE AFRAID! YOU MUST!
NO, I'M AFRAID...


...YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK, SCARECROW.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU GOT THE BEST OF ME!
THE GOTHAM CITY BRAVERY AWARDS

I HAVE DOCTORATES IN TWO COMPLETELY UNRELATED SPECIALTIES!
I DON'T GET IT EITHER, BATMAN. SHAGGY AND SCOOBY WERE AFFECTED BY THE SCARECROW'S GAS, WEREN'T THEY?

VELMA AND DAPHNE FIGURED IT OUT FIRST, SO I THINK THEY SHOULD EXPLAIN.
THE GAS DID AFFECT THEM, BUT NOT THE SAME WAY IT AFFECTS THE REST OF US!
YOU SEE, SHAGGY AND SCOOBY ARE ALREADY AFRAID OF EVERYTHING, ALL THE TIME, SO THEY'RE USED TO DEALING WITH IT! AND ONCE WE TOLD BATMAN...

I REALIZED SCARECROW WOULD USE UP HIS ENTIRE SUPPLY OF TOXIN TRYING TO FIND SOMETHING THAT WOULD RATTLE SHAGGY AND SCOOBY-DOO!
AMAZING! BUT THERE'S A HOLE IN YOUR REASONING--
OH?

SHAGGY AND SCOOBY AREN'T EXACTLY AFRAID OF EVERYTHING!
HA HA HA HA!
GOTHAM'S ORIGINAL LAUGHING FISH SANDWICH
REXTRA ONIONS, REASE!

THE END

MORNING.
B10
Rise and shine, *mutts!* Everyone up! Welcome to the first day of the rest of your life sentence.
When Gotham's super-villains get thrown into Arkham, their henchpets go to the maximum-security pound. Yehudi Mercado invites you to join them in...
Barkham Asylum!

You will awaken promptly at sun's rise.

PEE ZONE
You will march steadily for your morning constitutional.

You will be cleansed of your wicked ways.

You will rid yourselves of impurities.
FLEA DIP

You will do all these things in order to receive your portion of the day's rations.

Me llamo Osito.
If you don't want yours, I will eat it.
I didn't get much sleep last night, Osito.
Hi, I'm Flora. Let me guess, Flip told you there were spiders in the walls.
Yeah! How'd you—?
I'm Diamonds!
Flip, like, totally does that to all the newbies.
What?! Did he do that to you, too, Penny?
First of all, I would have never fallen for it. Second of all, cats don't really mess with cats.
Not like you canines... buncha animals.

Yooz might want to quiet down. Flip is taking notice!
What's the matter, Jester? You look like you woke up on the wrong side of the bed.
Grrrrrr.
Hey, Flip, why the long faces?
How... dare you...?
HAHAHAHA!
Quiet! All of you!
You know what they say, Flip: while the cat's away the mice will play.
Now why don't you just go away.

You got two faces and two left feet!
SQUISH
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
Double-time it, Flip!
I ain't laughed like that in, like, minutes.
GIGGLE
This guy is my kinda guy.
Yeah, that was pretty brave, Jester.
That was a real dumb thing ta do, Jester. That messed-up cat is straight evil.
You don't wanna corner a cat with nothin' to lose.
Don't be such a sourpuss!

Well, don't look now, but the guards are coming for you.

Hey, boy. I'm Oscar. I don't know if you're aware of this, since you're new...
They're going to have this Barkham Asylum talent show. All of Gotham's fancy bigwigs are invited, and the winner gets...
...visiting privileges with your master at Arkham.
Barkham Asylum
TALENT SHOW

Barkham Asylum
TALENT SHOW
PRIZES
SUBMIT TODAY

You mean I might get to see my boss again!

I can't wait to see the smile on his face!
ZOOM
You did well, Flip.
I still don't see why I had to humiliate myself.
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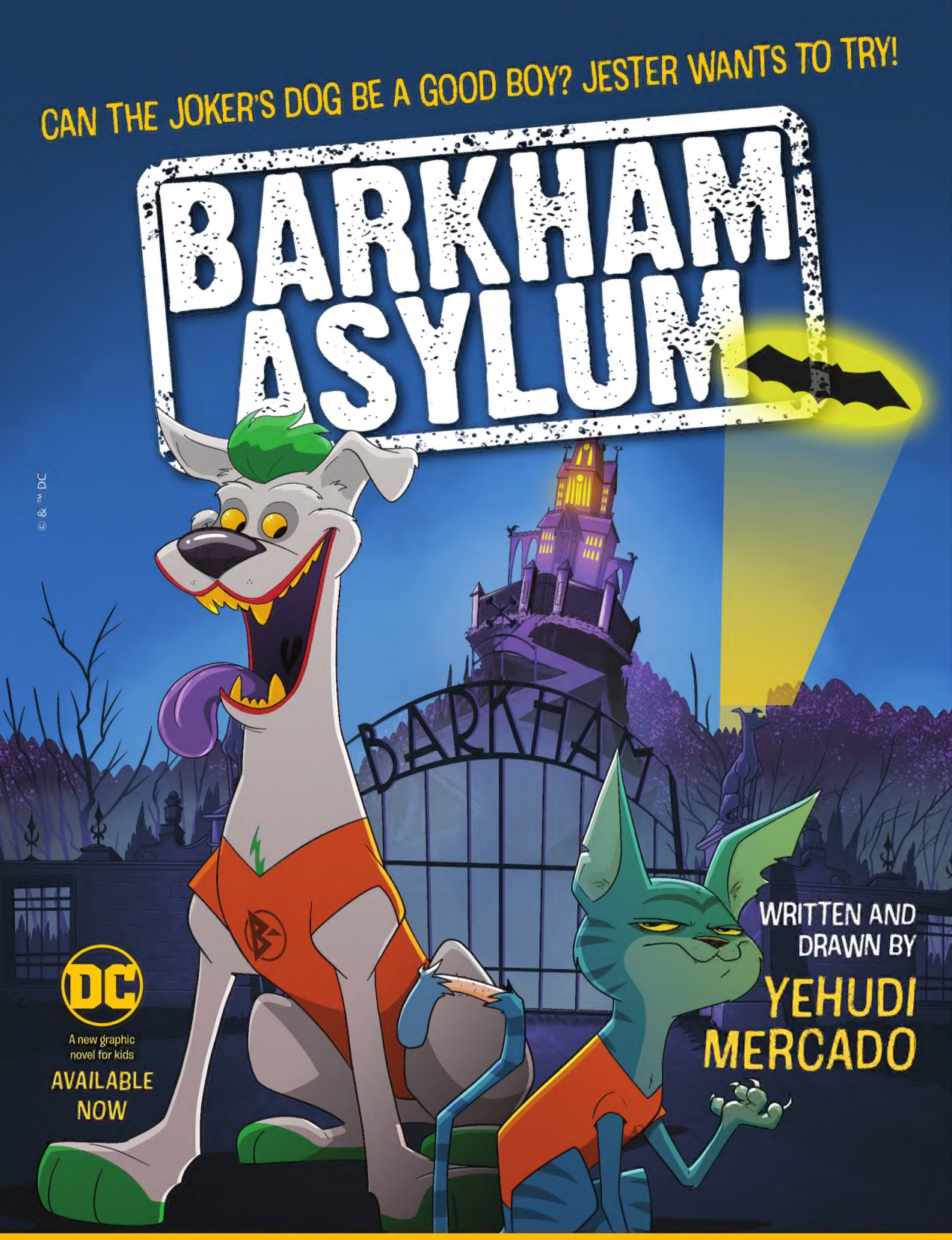

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